
New police recruits in Bangladesh are being given advice on how to dress more smartly. One of the country's leading beauticians is giving them advice on what to wear and how to look. Mark Dummett reports:

The idea, according to Mazharul Haque, the vice principal of Bangladesh's top police academy, is to turn this **batch of new recruits** into world-class police leaders, **fit to serve** in United Nations Peacekeeping missions anywhere on the planet. They have just received lessons in **grooming**, personal hygiene, physical fitness, **skincare**, diet and **dining etiquette**.

Kaniz Almas Khan, who runs **a chain of smart beauty parlours** in the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka, as well as in Thailand, was also invited to show the new recruits how to wear clothes in **matching colours**. She also gave the 140 men and women a lesson in how to choose a good perfume and aftershave. She was quoted by the French Press Agency, AFP, as saying that the male officers were **just as keen as** the female officers, if not more, on looking good. "I was surprised to be asked," she said, "but it's great that people **are becoming more conscious of their looks**."

Mark Dummett, BBC News, Dhaka

Vocabulary and definitions

batch of new recruits	group of people who have recently joined an institution or organisation (here, the police force)
fit to serve	able and ready to work
grooming	making yourself look attractive by brushing your hair, putting on make-up, etc.
skincare	washing and cleaning your skin, especially your face (with soap and water or with special creams and lotions)
dining etiquette	the polite or socially accepted way of behaving when eating food
a chain	a group of businesses owned by one person or one company
smart beauty parlours	fashionable beauty salons or shops
matching colours	colours that are similar and go together well
just as keen as	equally enthusiastic as
more conscious of their looks	more aware or concerned about how they look

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